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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

St. John's News.

St. John's Nov. 30.—We have had some bad, rainy weather for the last few days.

The union meeting was held at St. John's last Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. B. R. Smith preached a fine sermon Saturday a. m., also Sunday a. m.

Mr. J. P. Hiers went to a picnic in the Clear Pond section Thanksgiving day.

There was a candy-pulling given at Mr. H. W. Carter's last Wednesday night. The crowd enjoyed it fine.

There was a candy-pulling given at Mr. G. F. Hiers' last Friday night. There were several young folks from Ehrhardt there.

A crowd of young folks went to Mr. G. S. Shaw's last Saturday night to the sugar boiling. They had a grand time.

Mrs. Banner Mears, from Charleston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. L. Brant.

Rev. B. R. Smith, Mr. G. J. Herndon and Mr. C. S. Hiers were the guests of Mr. C. L. Brant last Sunday.

Misses Ulah and Clara O'Quinn were the guests of Miss Edna Bishop last Sunday.

Miss Mamie Morris, Miss Wilhelmina Folk and Misses Ulah and Clara O'Quinn were the guests of Miss Elizabeth Hiers last Saturday night.

Mr. Conner Smoak and Mr. Herbert Folk were the guests of Messrs J. P. and E. P. Hiers last Saturday night.

Mr. Henry Hutson visited some of his friends in Ehrhardt last Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herndon were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Peters last Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Larer Bessinger was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Kinard last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brant and Mrs. Banner Mears visited Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Chitty last Monday.

Mr. Lewis Hiers, from Augusta, is visiting his uncles, Messrs. P. M., C. M. and G. T. Kinard.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bishop and little son visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Shaw, last Saturday night.

Mr. Ben Brown and family, from near Sycamore, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hayston Shaw last Saturday night.

Mrs. Julia Phillips and family were the guests of Mrs. Pauline Mitchum last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brown were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hiers last Sunday.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, Nov. 28.—Misses Eloise and Alma Griner, of Beaufort, visited here Thanksgiving.

Miss Elizabeth Woodward, of Valdosta, Ga., visited Mrs. Laurens Youmans recently.

Mrs. Oregon Lawton and mother, of Barton, visited friends here Thanksgiving.

Misses Bessie Priester and Clyde Best, of Bamberg, were in town recently.

Misses Lizzie Rice and Kate Calhoun, of Allendale, were here Thanksgiving with friends.

Mrs. Sadler and daughter, of Olar, were recent guests here.

Mrs. Youmans, of Estill, was here recently.

Mrs. Tom Deer, of Ulmer, and Mrs. Anna Barnes and daughter were the guests of relatives this week.

Mrs. Myrick is getting the young folks ready for the play. "Popping the Question."

Misses Mildred and Lee Lightsey, of Brunson, spent Thanksgiving here with relatives.

Mrs. G. H. Jarrel and children have moved here from Barton and are keeping house.

Cecil Lancaster, after spending quite a long time in Atlanta, has returned here.

Junior Epworth League.

The junior league met and held a devotional meeting last Friday evening. A splendid piece on Jewish manners and customs was read by Miss Rebecca Dickinson. This coming Friday a very important business meeting will take place.

DISASTROUS BLAZE.

Cope Suffers Loss of Eight Business Buildings.

Cope, Nov. 27.—The most destructive fire in the history of this little town was experienced this morning before daylight, and as a result eight buildings in the business section and most of their contents are in ashes. All of the buildings destroyed were of wood. The fire practically wiped out the business section.

About 2:15 o'clock this morning the fire alarm was sounded. The citizens responded promptly and discovered the store of E. E. Ritter ablaze, the flames having already burned through the roof. Although there was no wind, other buildings were so close that the fire spread rapidly to them, the firefighters, despite heroic efforts, being unable to prevent.

Stopped by Brick Walls.

Had it not been for the brick walls of the new, but unfinished, bank building, which is of brick, a number of residences would have been destroyed also, as they were directly in the line of danger. The owners heaved sighs of relief when it was evident that the bank building would check the progress of the flames, thereby saving their homes.

Although it is impossible to give accurate figures at this time, the total loss is many thousands of dollars.

Following is a list of individuals and business concerns that will suffer as a result of the fire and their losses as closely as can be estimated:

The Losses.

E. E. Ritter, building and \$6,000 to \$8,000 stock, pretty well covered by insurance; Cope Supply company, building, owned by W. M. Hughes, \$4,000 to \$6,000 stock, about \$1,000 insurance; warehouse in rear of this store burned also; J. Ashton Antley, building and about \$1,000 stock, insurance \$500; Cope Pharmacy company and O. F. Smoak, general merchandise, occupying building owned by J. B. Williams; Cope dispensary, in building owned by J. H. Clark; Southern Cotton Oil company, warehouse and contents.

Very Little Saved.

All of the buildings referred to above were destroyed. Several of the merchants saved small portions of their stocks, but the salvage from the goods rescued from the flames will not materially offset the losses.

A slight loss was also sustained by B. B. Brickle, who conducts a grocery and market in a concrete building, which, on several former occasions, saved Cope from almost entire destruction.

Some time ago, after a bad fire, the town council passed an ordinance prohibiting the erection in the business section of anything but brick buildings, so from now on Cope will experience a new growth on a more substantial basis, as it is understood that practically all of the burned buildings will be replaced promptly.

BELGIANS WILL COME SOUTH.

Charleston Chamber of Commerce Interested in Movement.

Charleston, Nov. 26.—The Immigration committee of the chamber of commerce has manifested much interest in the various movements for the bringing of Belgians, rendered homeless by the European war, to this country as settlers. The committee was appointed only a few days ago by President McLeod, of the chamber, and the members have had practically no time for the discussion of concerted action, but several of them, individually, have stated that the reports in the daily papers of the plans for encouraging the immigration of worthy Belgians to the South have interested them considerably.

Within a few weeks, according to the present plans, a number of Belgian farmers and their families, who are now war refugees in Holland and England, will be located on lands in several of the Southern States, which will be sold them by the owners at such rates and upon such terms as should enable them to finally establish themselves as self-supporting American farmers.

The Southern Settlement and Development organization has a representative in Holland, and within a short time two more will leave for England and Holland to put into effect the matured plans which have been built on practical lines so as to conform in all respects to the laws of the several countries, but which, however, will be carried out in the spirit of a broad philanthropy. Letters have been sent to boards of trade and similar bodies in the South, land companies and individual owners, who have large tracts of land, which might be suitable for locating Belgians thereon, asking if they desire to actively cooperate in the movement. Responses to these letters indicate a South-wide desire, not only to help the Belgian refugees, but to help them help themselves.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Up to Tuesday only \$48,000 of the \$1,800,000 taxes due the State had been received by the State treasurer. This is about half of the amount received to the same date last year.

Clarence Hart died in Johnston Saturday as a result of injuries sustained at the ginney of the People's Oil Mill. While getting motes out of the gin his coat sleeve caught in the gin saws, drawing his hand into the gin.

While trying to separate two fighting dogs by using the butt end of his shot gun, Andrew Fowler, a negro, was killed near Spartanburg Tuesday by the discharge of the gun accidentally. The load struck Fowler in the abdomen.

Harry S. Durham was convicted this week in Charleston of feigning to be a cripple, and sentenced to 30 days or \$25 fine. It is alleged that he twisted one arm and sat on one foot in such manner as to pretend to be a cripple, and beg alms of passersby.

Will Miller, an Indian, was among those paroled on Thanksgiving day. He was recently convicted at Lexington, and was paroled by the governor on condition that he leave the State within 24 hours and never return. Miller has refused to accept the parole, saying that he preferred to complete the sentence and be a free man.

The grand jury of Newberry county claims that the books of the county auditor, Eugene S. Werts, are in "such a deplorable fix as to thoroughly embarrass the treasurer in the performance of his duty," and recommends that steps be taken to stay the collection of penalties until the discrepancies have been eliminated. Dereliction of duty is charged by the grand jury.

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According to latest reports over 250,000 Belgian families, aggregating 1,250,000 men, women and children, are war refugees in Holland, England and France. A large proportion of the men are skilled agriculturists, and thousands are specialists in the growing of vegetables, fruits or flowers, in dairying and in the raising of live stock and poultry. A large proportion of the farming class own small farms in Belgium, from which they were driven by the contending armies, and information from Holland and England is to the effect that most of them have abandoned all hope of returning to their farms for many months, if at all.

The Belgian farmers, market gardeners, florists, dairymen, live stock and poultry raisers are world famed for their skill, thrift and remarkable ability. They are accustomed to working intensively small farms and to a large extent they understand the conservation, upbuilding and enrichment of soils and the intelligent employment of manures and fertilizers. Although general farming as practiced in the United States was not followed largely in Belgium, the Belgian farmer's acre yield is largely in excess of the acre yield in the United States in several crops two or three times as large.

The year book of the United States department of agriculture shows that in 1912 the Belgian wheat harvest amounted to 15,348,000 bushels, from 397,000 acres. (This gives an average of 38.6 bushels of wheat to the acre, and the average acre yield in the United States for the year was only 15.9 bushels.) The following figures of Belgian agriculture, taken from the 1913 year book, show that Belgium raised 38,000,000 bushels of oats from 648,000 acres (an average of 58 bushels, against 37.4 bushels in the United States); 4,316,000 bushels of barley from 84,000 acres, (an average of 51 bushels, against 29.7 bushels in the United States); 21,342,000 bushels of rye from 650,000 acres, (an average of 32 bushels, against 16.8 bushels in the United States); 121,481,000 bushels of potatoes from 387,000 acres, (an average of 313 bushels, against 113.4 bushels in the United States).—News and Courier.

THREE FOUND GUILTY.

Spartanburg Men Convicted of Taking Part in Riot.

Spartanburg, Nov. 28.—W. R. Belcher, Robert Wilson and Horace Finch were found guilty late tonight by a jury in the circuit court of having participated in the storming of the county jail on August 18, 1913, by a mob of one thousand men, who sought to seize and lynch Will Fair, a negro, accused of attacking a white woman, but later tried and acquitted. Robert Ward and Jesse Wolfe were found not guilty. Riot and assault and battery were the technical charges against five defendants. Judge Ernest Moore is expected to impose sentence Friday. The trial consumed the entire day and was hard fought, a large array of counsel participating.

Sheriff W. J. White's testimony was the outstanding feature of the trial. He told how members of the mob pointed pistols at his head and reviled him with insulting epithets when he refused to deliver the negro over to them; how they battered at the jail gate with heavy timbers and exploded dynamite under the walls, and how, after the gate gave way, the mob were held at bay only by the rifles of the sheriff and a half dozen deputies. Three men were shot in the all-night battle. At dawn Sheriff White spirited Fair out of the prison and sent him to the State penitentiary at Columbia. Warrants have been issued for two additional members of the alleged mob and still other prosecutions are expected. Finch, one of the convicted defendants, was a candidate for the legislature last summer.

Given Three Years.

Spartanburg, Nov. 28.—Judge Ernest Moore in the court of general sessions today sentenced Horace Finch, W. R. Belcher and Robert Wilson, the three men convicted of rioting and assaulting the Spartanburg county jail on the night of August 18, 1913, to three years in the State penitentiary. Notice of appeal to the supreme court was given by counsel for the convicted men and the court fixed their bond at \$1,500 each. Horace Finch arranged bond during the morning. Belcher and Wilson are held in the county jail, pending their bond.

In passing sentence Judge Moore said: "In a true sense, your criminal acts were not only violations of the criminal laws of this State, but they were directly aimed against the enforcement of the laws of the State by the due and orderly procedure of the courts, as provided by law. Those acts were such as directly tended to subversion of all law and order, being acts which sought to substitute the rule of the mob for that of the laws by the people acting through their legally established tribunals."

"If such acts were left unchecked and permitted to continue, and if such offences were left unpunished they would ultimately and necessarily result in the subversion of all law and order and eventuate in the substitution of mob rule and anarchy for the due and orderly administration of justice by the people, acting through their legally and regularly constituted courts and duly chosen officials in the enforcement of the laws made by the people themselves."

This is the culmination of the night rioting about the Spartanburg jail when the effort was made to lynch the negro, Will Fair, who was afterwards acquitted of the charge of criminal assault.

Rifles Fires 200 Shots a Minute.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 27.—A one-man gun, guaranteed to increase a soldier's fighting efficiency twenty or thirty times, has been invented by a Rochester man, Harry W. Sweating. The new gun weighs only nine pounds, half a pound more than the present standard rifle, and will fire from 165 to 200 shots a minute. The velocity is 2,700 feet a second. "By holding the trigger back," Mr. Sweating says, "ninety shots are fired consecutively. The ejector is on the other side. The sight is only three inches from the eye, giving a quicker and more accurate aim than the present rifles. There is not a flat spring in the gun, and all parts are enclosed, which protects them from the weather." Mr. Sweating has been working on the invention for more than a year, and has thirty-eight pages of specifications registered with the patent office. He recently admitted that he was trying to sell the gun to Germany, but hinted that there was some probability of negotiations with this government.

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS

WHERE THE PREACHERS GO NEXT YEAR.

Appointments Announced at Sumter Monday Night by South Carolina Conference.

Sumter, Nov. 30.—The South Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, as it has existed for one hundred and twenty-nine years, concluded its last session here this afternoon.

Mr. J. Fuller Lyon was elected treasurer of the Upper South Carolina conference and Mr. Henry P. Williams, of Charleston, was elected treasurer for the South Carolina conference.

The Rev. E. O. Watson continues as secretary of the South Carolina and the Rev. P. B. Wells was elected temporary secretary of the Upper conference.

A matter which excited considerable interest was a motion by the Rev. A. H. Best and others to locate the Rev. S. A. Nettles, on the ground of unacceptability. The Rev. S. F. Beatty and the Rev. P. F. Kilgo and others defended Mr. Nettles, while the Rev. Messrs. A. H. Best, J. S. Harley and J. C. Chandler supported the motion for location. The motion prevailed and Mr. Nettles is no longer a member of the conference.

Bishop Denny announced the appointments for 1915 as follows: South Carolina Conference—Charleston District.

J. W. Daniel, presiding elder. Allendale, H. G. Murphy. Appleton, W. A. Kirby. Beaufort, J. H. Noland. Bethel circuit, J. D. Bell. Black Swamp, W. H. Ariail. Bluffton, Benj. L. Knight. Charleston, Bethel, S. B. Harper; Hampstead Square, G. C. Hutchinson; Spring Street, Marvin Auld; Trinity, D. M. McLeod; S. A. Webber, supernumerary.

Cartersville, G. L. Ingram. Cypress, D. N. Busbee. Ehrhardt, E. J. Guess. Estill, W. V. Dibble. Furman, J. B. Kilgore. Hampton, J. T. Felder. Hendersonville, J. P. Patton. Lodge, F. E. Hodges. Ridgeland, George K. Way. Ridgeville, S. D. Vaughan. Summerville, J. P. Simpson. Walterboro, J. W. Wolling.

Florence District. W. A. Massabeau, presiding elder. Bennettsville, Peter Stokes. Bennettsville circuit, M. W. Hoak. Brightsville, G. W. Davis. Bethlehem, J. T. McFarlane. Cheraw, G. T. Harmon, Jr. Chesterfield, J. L. Tyler. Darlington, Trinity, L. L. Bedenbaugh; W. L. Wait, supernumerary. Epworth, Henry T. Morrison. Darlington circuit, R. W. Humphreys.

East Chesterfield, T. R. Owen. Florence, Central, T. G. Herbert. Hartsville, T. R. Morris. Jefferson, J. A. White. Lamar, Hamlin Etheredge. Liberty, Paul T. Wood. Marlboro, J. R. Sojourner. McBee, S. W. Henry. McColl, J. T. Fowler. Middendorf, W. V. German, supply. Pageland, J. A. McGraw. Timmonsville and Pishah, J. H. Graves. Timmonsville circuit, G. T. Rhoad. Conference secretary of education, Peter Stokes.

Kingstree District. H. B. Browne, presiding elder. Andrews, W. O. Henderson. Wades, L. E. Peeler. Cordesville, W. H. Perry. Georgetown, Duncan Memorial, H. J. Cauthen; West End, R. R. Tucker. Greelyville, W. P. Way; H. W. Whitaker, supernumerary. Hemingway, P. B. Ingraham. Honey Hill, J. C. Davis. Johnsonville, S. C. Morris. Jordan, J. O. Burnett. Kingstree, D. Arthur Phillips. Lake City, W. H. Hodges. McClellanville, G. A. Teasley. Pinopolis, W. T. Bedenbaugh. Rome, P. A. Murray. Salters, J. W. Bailey. Sampit, G. C. Gardner. Scranton, J. B. Prosser. Summerton, C. C. Derrick. Turberville, P. K. Rhoad.

Marion District. R. H. Jones, presiding elder. Aynor, J. E. Ford. Blenheim, J. S. Beasley. Britton's Neck, T. H. Bain, supply. Brownsville, L. T. Phillips. Bucksville, W. A. Youngblood.

COTTON FIRE AT BARNWELL.

165 Bales Burned in Farmers Union Warehouse—Set?

Barnwell, Nov. 29.—Fire was discovered at an early hour last evening in the emergency warehouse of the Farmers' Union Warehouse company on East Main street. A high wind was blowing at the time, and it was possible to save only a small number of bales from the flames, about 165 bales being totally destroyed. Insurance to the amount of \$8,500 was carried.

About three or four weeks ago an emergency warehouse on the same lot was destroyed, together with 662 bales of cotton, at almost the same hour of the evening. Coming so close together it would seem, in the opinion of many people here, that the fires must have been caused by incendiaries, who evidently hope to increase the price of the staple by destroying a part of the crop.

supply.

Centenary, H. R. Doyle. Conway, E. L. McCoy. Conway circuit, W. R. Phillips. Clio, A. D. Betts. Dillon, A. L. Cauthen. Floyds, F. S. Hook, supply. Gallivants, H. W. Shealey. Latta, F. H. Shuler. Latta circuit, D. H. Everett. Little River, J. E. Cook. Little Rock, F. L. Glenman. Loris, D. D. Jones; H. L. Singleton, supernumerary.

Marion, B. H. Turnipseed. Marion circuit, M. M. McLendon. Mullins, E. S. Jones. Mullins circuit, M. F. Dukes. Little Pee-Dee, E. H. Beckman. Waccamaw, E. F. Scoggins. Sunday-school field secretary, W. C. Owen, Dillon quarterly conference. Editor Southern Christian Advocate, W. C. Kirkland, Mullins quarterly conference.

Orangeburg District.

M. L. Banks, presiding elder. Bamberg and Bamberg mills, E. O. Watson. Barnwell, J. W. Ariail. Branchville, T. J. White. Cameron, T. W. Godbold. Denmark, H. G. Hardin. Edisto, C. B. Burns. Eutawville, to be supplied. Grover, T. A. Shealey. Harleville, H. C. Boulware. Norway, A. S. Lesley. Olar, Achille Sassard. Orangeburg, St. Pauls, W. B. Duncan; W. S. Stokes, supernumerary; Elliott Street, J. S. Rice. Orangeburg circuit, W. A. Beckham.

Orange, J. J. Stephenson. Providence, T. L. Belvin; J. F. Way, supernumerary. Howesville, J. A. Graham; G. W. Dukes, supernumerary. Smoaks, J. C. Counts. Springfield, E. P. Hutson. St. George, W. E. Wiggins.

Sumter District.

H. W. Bays, presiding elder. Bethany, C. N. Rountree. Bishopville, G. E. Edwards. Camden, C. B. Smith. Camden circuit, A. C. Corbett, supply. Ellmore, J. L. Mullinix. Fort Motte, W. C. Gleaton. Heath Springs, J. B. Weldon. Kershaw, S. D. Bailey. Lynchburg, S. J. Bethea. Manning, G. P. Watson. Oswego, J. P. Inabinet. Pinewood, R. M. DuBose. Providence, J. E. Carter, supply. Richland, W. S. Myers. St. Johns and Rembert, J. P. Attaway.

St. Matthews, G. F. Kirby. Sumter, Trinity, R. S. Truesdale. Broad Street, J. M. Hodgers; Sumter mission, W. G. Elwell. Wateree, J. L. Morgan, supply. Transferred, J. B. Mahaffey, to Tennessee conference.

Upper South Carolina Conference—Anderson District.

T. C. O'Dell, presiding elder. Anderson, St. John, J. W. Speake. Orville and Toxaway, W. T. Belvin. Bethel, S. W. Danner. Antreville, B. M. Robertson. Calhoun Falls, George Gary-Lee. Clemson, J. M. Steadman. Central, Elzie Myers. Honea Path, S. T. Blackman. Lowndesville, J. C. Chandler. McCormick, J. F. Anderson. Pelzer, J. H. Danner. Pendleton, W. M. Owings. Seneca circuit, N. G. Ballenger. Starr, J. L. Singleton. Townville, R. H. Lupo. Walhalla, J. L. Stokes. Walhalla circuit, H. A. Whitten. Westminster, D. O. Spires.

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